

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 6-14 and 16-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants hereby cancel the withdrawn claims 6-14 and 16-22. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 6-14 and 16-22. Claims 1-5 and 15 presently stand rejected. Applicants amend claim 1 and adds claims 23-25 to further define the invention.

Applicants have also enclosed herewith one (1) sheet of replacement drawings to correct a typographical error in FIG. 1B.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not disclose a structure which supplies the film forming liquid directly to the outer peripheral face of the film forming jig. As discussed at page 12, for example, and shown in Figs. 1A and 2B, the liquid is supplied directly to the face 2b. This face 2b is provided at the outer periphery of the jig, and thus, the supply portion is also provided at this face 2b. This is a completely different structure than the cited references. Moreover, by having the structure of the present invention, an excess film forming liquid can be reduced.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants are enclosing herewith one (1) sheet of replacement drawings in which FIG. 1B has been amended. FIG. 1B incorrectly referred to the outer peripheral face as “2a” and has now been amended to read --2b--.

The submitted replacement sheet of drawings includes FIGS. 1A-2B and is intended to replace the sheet including FIGS. 1A-2B as filed on December 10, 2001.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet